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PASSENGERS TRAVELLING THROUGH ATLANTA'S HARTSFIELD-JACKSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WILL BE AMONG THE FIRST TO TAKE PART IN A NEW SCREENING PROGRAM THAT INTENDS TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR SOME FLYERS TO PASS THROUGH SECURITY. THE PRECHECK PROGRAM IS THE FIRST EFFORT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO MOVE TOWARD A MORE RISK-BASED, INTELLIGENCE-DRIVEN MODEL OF SCREENING AND AWAY FROM UNIFORM SCREENING. THE PROGRAM COMES IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS ABOUT INVASIVE PAT-DOWNS, OFFICIALS SAID. IN RETURN FOR SUPPLYING THE GOVERNMENT WITH MORE PERSONAL INFORMATION THOSE PASSENGERS WILL BE ABLE TO USE SPECIAL SECURITY LANES WITH LESS INTENSIVE
SCREENING.
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MINIMUM-WAGE WORKERS IN EIGHT STATES COULD SEE THEIR PAYCHECKS GROW BY HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS NEXT YEAR. ALL THANKS TO STATE LAWS THAT REQUIRE ANNUAL MINIMUM WAGE ADJUSTMENTS TO KEEP PACE WITH INFLATION. WORKERS IN COLORADO, MONTANA, OHIO, WASHINGTON AND OREGON WILL SEE A 28 TO 37 CENT HOURLY BUMP IN THEIR PAY. THAT TRANSLATES INTO ANNUAL RAISES AROUND 600 AND 700 DOLLARS FOR FULL-TIME WORKERS, DEPENDING ON WHERE THEY LIVE. WASHINGTON WORKERS ENJOY THE HIGHEST MINIMUM WAGE OF JUST OVER NINE-BUCKS. ARIZONA, FLORIDA AND VERMONT ARE EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE A RATE INCREASE TOO. THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE STANDS AT 7-25 PER HOUR AND WAS LAST INCREASED IN 2009.
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EATING WITH MEN MAKES VOLLEAT LESS (:21 SEC)

A NEW STUDY PUBLISHED IN THE JOURNAL OF APPLIED SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY CONFIRMS WOMEN EAT LESS WHEN IN THE COMPANY OF MEN. THE STUDY ANALYZED THE EATING HABITS OF 127 COLLEGE STUDENTS AND WHETHER THE STUDENTS SAT ALONE OR WITH COMPANY. WHEN WOMEN SAT WITH OTHER WOMEN, FOR EXAMPLE, THEY ORDERED AN AVERAGE OF 833 CALORIES. WHEN THEY ATE WITH MEN, ON THE OTHER HAND, THEY PURCHASED ONLY 721 CALORIES ON AVERAGE. PERHAPS THE MORE SURPRISING RESULTS WAS WHEN MEN ATE WITH OTHER MEN. THEY ATE AN AVERAGE OF 952 CALORIES WHEN EATING WITH THEIR OWN GENDER BUT WHEN THEY SAT WITH WOMEN, MALES CONSUMED 1162 CALORIES ON AVERAGE. IT ALMOST SEEMS COUNTERINTUITIVE -- CERTAINLY THE STEREOTYPE OF MEN CHOWING DOWN AND WATCHING FOOTBALL TOGETHER STILL PREVAILS. BUT, BASED ON THESE RESULTS, THAT GIANT PORTION OF NACHOS MIGHT BE OVERKILL...UNLESS THERE ARE WOMEN PRESENT. THE RESEARCHERS AREN'T EXACTLY SURE WHAT TO MAKE OF THE FINDINGS AND EXACTLY HOW MUCH CULTURAL NORMS FACTOR IN.

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VOLKSWAGEN IS RECALLING MORE THAN 168,000 CARS WITH DIESEL ENGINES BECAUSE A DEFECT IN THE FUEL INJECTORS THAT COULD CAUSE FIRES.THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION SAYS ON ITS WEBSITE THAT THE RECALL AFFECTS SOME 2010 TO 2012 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF AND 2009 TO 2012 JETTA MODELS. ALSO AFFECTED ARE SOME AUDI A3 MODELS FROM THE 2010 THROUGH 2012 MODEL YEARS. VOLKSWAGEN SAYS CRACKS CAN DEVELOP IN THE FUEL INJECTORS OF 2-LITER DIESEL ENGINES. FUEL CAN LEA AND COULD CAUSE A FIRE.	
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THE U-S PREVENTATIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE IS ABOUT TO RECOMMEND THAT MEN NOT BE SCREENED FOR PROSTATE CANCER. IT IS TO GIVE THE P-S-A BLOOD TEST A "D" -- WHICH MEANS THE TEST HAS NO NET BENEFIT OR THE HARMS OUTWEIGH THE BENEFITS.IT IS TO SAY P-S-A TESTS RESULT IN "SMALL OR NO REDUCTION" IN PROSTATE CANCER DEATHS. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PROSTATE CANCER FOUNDATION CALLS THE PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION -QUOTE- "A TREMENDOUS MISTAKE." THE TASK FORCE IS THE SAME

RECOMMENDATION COMES FROM A REVIEW OF STUDIES.
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======Dark chocolate and health (20 SEC)
A NEW SWEDISH STUDY FINDS WOMEN WHO ATE THE MOST CHOCOLATE AT LEAST TWO CANDY BARS A WEEK HAD A 20-PERCENT REDUCED RISK OF STROKE. COCOA CONTAINS ANTIOXIDANTS, WHICH BOOST THE CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM. ONE THING TO NOTE, HOWEVER THAT EATING CHOCOLATE DOES NOT LIKELY PREVENT STROKE.THE STUDY APPEARS IN THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY. DARK CHOCOLATE HAS ALSO BEEN LINKED TO LOWER BLOOD PRESSURE AND REDUCED RISK OF HEART DISEASE.
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============================NUMBER OF CELL PHONES EXCEEDS U-S POPULATION (19 SEC)
A STUDY FROM THE WIRELESS INDUSTRY TRADE GROUP C-T-I-A ESTIMATES MORE THAN 327-MILLION DEVICES ARE NOW IN SERVICE IN THE COUNTRY. THAT FIGURE ROSE NINE PERCENT OVER THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR. THE 2010 CENSUS SAYS AROUND 309 MILLION PEOPLE LIVE IN THE U-S. THE C-T-I-A STUDY ALSO SHOWS THAT THE AMOUNT OF WIRELESS DATA GENERATED BY SMART PHONES DOUBLED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2011.
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VITAMIN "E" COULD BE LINKED TO PROSTATE CANCER! ONE STUDY FOUND THAT MEN WHO HAVE CONSUMED THE SUPPLEMENT FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME ARE MORE LIKELY TO DEVELOP THE DISEASE. THAT, CONTRARY TO OTHER RESEARCH, WHICH STATES THAT THE

SELENIUM AND VITAMIN "E" HELPING TO PREVENT THIS TYPE OF CANCER.

GROUP THAT SAID WOMEN IN THEIR 40'S DIDN'T NEED MAMMOGRAMS. THE

PRIOR STUDIES HAVE SHOWN A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SUPPLEMENTS SELENIUM AND VITAMIN E AND PREVENTING PROSTATE CANCER. IN 2008, RESEARCHERS FROM THE "SELECT" OR SELENIUM AND VITAMIN E CANCER PREVENTION TRIAL FOUND TAKING EXTRA DOSES OF THESE SUPPLEMENTS DID NOT HELP PREVENT THE DISEASE. RESEARCHERS THEN CONTINUED FOLLOWING THE MEN EVEN THOUGH THEY STOPPED TAKING THE SUPPLEMENTS. LONG-TERM FOLLOW-UP RESULTS SHOW THAT MEN WHO TOOK VITAMIN E DURING THE TRIAL HAD AN INCREASED RISK OF DEVELOPING PROSTATE CANCER.

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HERE'S SOMETHING TO KEEP IN MIND THE NEXT TIME YOU'RE HEADING TO THE BEDROOM. SEX CAN BE FORGETTABLE OR MIND-BLOWING, BUT FOR SOME PEOPLE, IT'S BOTH. ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY IN THE JOURNAL OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE, SEX CAN MAKE YOU FORGETFUL. RESEARCHERS SAY IT'S A RARE CONDITION WHERE A PERSON'S MEMORY SUDDENLY DISAPPEARS AFTER SEX. BUT, THEY'RE NOT SURE WHY THIS HAPPENS PEOPLE WITH THE SO-CALLED "TRANSIENT GLOBAL AMNESIA" SUFFER NO SIDE EFFECTS. THEIR MEMORY USUALLY RETURNS IN A FEW HOURS.
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BABIES WHO ARE BORN UNUSUALLY SMALL, HAVE A HIGHER RISK OF DEVELOPING AN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER LATER IN LIFE. THAT'S COMING FROM A NEW STUDY IN THE JOURNAL PEDIATRICS. RESEARCHERS LOOKED AT MORE THAN 11-HUNDRED BABIES BORN BETWEEN 1984 AND 1989 WHO WEIGHED LESS THAN FOUR POUNDS, SEVEN OUNCES WHEN THEY WERE BORN. THEY FOUND THESE BABIES WERE NEARLY FIVE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO MEET THE CRITERIA FOR AN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER THAN CHILDREN IN THE GENERAL

POPULATION. STILL, RESEARCHERS SAY IT'S UNCLEAR IF LOW BIRTH WEIGHT CAUSES AUTISM.
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=======INCREASE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY PENSION (16 SEC)
STARTING IN JANUARY, PEOPLE ON SOCIAL SECURITY WILL SEE A 3-POINT-6 PERCENT PAY INCREASE. THE ADJUSTMENT IS BEING MADE TO MEET NEW COST OF LIVING STANDARDS. BECAUSE INFLATION HAS BEEN VERY LOW IN RECENT YEARS, BENEFICIARIES HAVE NOT SEEN AN INCREASE SINCE 2009. THAT'S WHEN THEY RECEIVED A 5-POINT-8 PERCENT BOOST.
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=========OBESITY RISK TIED TO NEIGHBORHOOD (26 sec)
THE CHICAGO SUN TIMES FLAGS A NEW STUDY THAT FOUND LOW-INCOME MOMS WHO MOVE FROM VERY POOR NEIGHBORHOODS TO LESS DISADVANTAGED ONES LOWER THEIR RISK OF BECOMING OBESE AND DEVELOPING TYPE-2 DIABETES. THIS MAY BE BECAUSE PEOPLE IN POOR NEIGHBORHOODS DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO HEALTHIER FOODS AND DON'T HAVE SAFE PLACES TO BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE.
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ABOUT THAT CHEMICAL WIDELY USED IN PLASTIC FOOD AND DRINK CONTAINERS B-P-A. RESEARCHERS FOUND THAT MOTHERS WITH HIGHER LEVELS OF B-P-A DURING PREGNANCY HAD DAUGHTERS WHO WERE MORE LIKELY TO BE ANXIOUS AND DEPRESSED AND TO HAVE POORER EMOTIONAL CONTROL AT AGE 3. BUT THEY FOUND NO LINK BETWEEN B-P-A EXPOSURE IN PREGNANCY AND BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS IN BOYS.
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THE NEW RECOMMENDATION OF A C-D-C ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS THAT BOYS AS YOUNG AS 11 SHOULD BE VACCINATED AGAINST THE HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS OR H-P-V. H-P-V IS THE NUMBER-ONE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE IN THE UNITED STATES. AT LEAST 50-PERCENT OF SEXUALLY ACTIVE PEOPLE WILL GET IT AT SOME POINT IN THEIR LIVES. THE VACCINE IS ALREADY RECOMMENDED FOR FEMALES BETWEEN THE AGES OF 9 AND 26 TO REDUCE THE RISK OF CERVICAL CANCER.
BOYS WHO ARE VACCINATED WILL ALSO BE PROTECTED AGAINST CANCERS OF THE PENIS AND RECTUM.
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A NEW STUDY SHOWS YOU MAY NOT BE FULLY PROTECTED AGAINST GETTING THE BUG THIS YEAR. THE STUDY BY UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA RESEARCHERS SHOWS SEASONAL FLU SHOTS ONLY PREVENT THE FLU IN ABOUT 59 PERCENT OF ADULTS. RESEARCHERS SAY THIS COULD BE A BIG PROBLEM IF A DANGEROUS PANDEMIC BROKE OUT. STILL, THEY SAY THE CURRENT VACCINE IS THE BEST WEAPON WE HAVE AGAINST THE FLU FOR NOW.

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GENERAL MOTORS IS RECALLING MORE THAN 36,000 CHEVROLET EQUINOX AND GMC TERRAIN CROSSOVER SUVS TO FIX TIRE PRESSURE MONITORS THAT DON'T WORK RIGHT. THE COMPANY SAYS THE SYSTEMS IN THE 2012 VEHICLES SHOULD WARN DRIVERS WHEN TIRE PRESSURE DROPS 25 PERCENT BELOW THE RECOMMENDED PRESSURE. BUT IN THE RECALLED VEHICLES, THE WARNING LIGHT DOESN'T COME ON UNTIL THE TIRE PRESSURE FALLS MORE THAN 25 PERCENT. FEDERAL SAFETY REGULATORS SAY UNDERINFLATED TIRES CAN OVERHEAT. THAT COULD LEAD TO A BLOWOUT AND A CRASH. BUT GM SAYS IT KNOWS OF NO CRASHES OR INJURIES CAUSED BY THE PROBLEM. THE RECALLED VEHICLES WERE BUILT BETWEEN JULY 28 AND SEPT. 6 OF 2011.
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